

TOUCH FASTENER ELEMENT LOOP RETENTION

ABSTRACT

A male touch fastener component having a sheet-form base and an array of molded
5 fastener elements having stems and heads having lower surfaces forming an arched crook for
retaining loops. The crooks have particularly high crook angles, such that a maximum side
angle measured about the crook from a line normal to the forward edge of the stem at an
elevation from the base corresponding to a lowermost extent of the tip, to a normal to the
lower head surface, is greater than about 180 degrees.

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